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Annual Compliance Report, 2013

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CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 8

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To clarify the basis of the Postal Service's estimates in its FY 2013 Annual Compliance Report (ACR), filed December 27, 2013, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided to individual questions as soon as they are developed, but no later than February 27, 2014.

IOCS/MODS

1. USPS-FY13-NP18 Preface.pdf (at 1) states that the SAS processing for FY 2013 was carried out using PC SAS rather than a mainframe environment, and "The use of PC SAS requires minor modifications to inequality statements in some SAS modules to accommodate different character set ordering between the PC ASCII and IBM mainframe character sets."
 - (a) In each SAS program provided in the 'USPS-FY13-NP18/Programs' folders, please indicate where the FY 2013 SAS code was modified.
 - (b) The 'USPS-FY13-NP18/Programs/% include folder' includes the 'DefineLibnames.sas' file with three references to libraries not directly referenced as such in the FY 2012 SAS program steps. Please confirm that these three library name references ('CONT', 'SPAC', 'SPAC1') are

not needed/or used in the SAS programming steps provided in the 'USPS-FY13-NP18/Programs' folder.

2. There have been a number of changes in the facilities sampled (MODS and NDCs) for the IOCS and the number of employees sampled between FY 2010 and FY 2013. Please provide a crosswalk of the IOCS finance numbers (contained in the IOCS data field 'f2') to the MODS finance numbers for both FY 2010 and FY 2013 in an EXCEL file format such that the IOCS facilities' finance number can be directly linked to the MODS finance numbers.

Nonpostal Products

3. Library Reference USPS-FY12-NP27 includes estimated revenues and costs for the Nonpostal Philatelic products. The FY 2013 revenues for Philatelic products are \$9.257 million under the current methodology and \$25.266 million under proposal six in Docket No. RM2014-1. Please confirm that the difference between the revenues reported under the current methodology and the proposed methodology represents the amount of Philatelic sales from Postal Service retail outlets. If not confirmed, please explain the difference in revenues between the two methodologies.

By the Chairman.

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